

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-65-90

TO: ALL-COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: ADULT SERVICES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Adult Services Conference is scheduled for November 14, 15, and 16, 1990. It will be held at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, California. This year's program is entitled "HOPE AND REALITY, COMMITMENT TO AN IDEAL." The program offers three general sessions, ten workshops, and five network groups. The workshop descriptions are attached.

We urge you to support your staff's participation as this conference provides valuable learning experiences to persons working in adult services. The County Welfare Directors Association's (CWDA's) Adult Services Regional Committees have put considerable time and effort into designing a program to meet County needs.

The program and registration materials have been mailed to each County. For those interested in attending, the registration form and payment must be returned by September 14, 1990. If you have any questions concerning registration, please contact Shirley Bush at (805) 652-7636.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Linda S. McMahon", is positioned above the typed name.

LINDA S. McMAHON
Director

Attachment

cc: CWDA
John Crane, Nevada Co. SDSS
Shirley Bush, Ventura Co. SDSS

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS - 1990 ASILOMAR CONFERENCE

1) Alcoholism and the Elderly: - Dr. David Ofman

"Age-Related Problems of Diagnosis, Assessment and Treatment". This workshop will discuss the epidemiology, natural history, complications and treatment of alcohol problems in the elderly and emphasize those factors that lead to underdiagnosis in the elderly, and that make assessment more complicated.

2) Assessing and Planning APS Interventions: - Mary Ann Frank, MFCC, RN, Ph.D

This session will instruct participants in how to develop and implement assessment skills in order to diminish inappropriate documentation. It will cover how to form clinical impressions based on assessing the mental health status, medical history, social history and current functioning level of the client. Liability issues will also be addressed.

3) Financial Abuse: - Scott Carter

This session will cover indicators of financial abuse, documenting and preparing cases for court, types of legal strategies that can protect the elderly and/or disabled, and differentiating between good estate planning and abuse situations.

4) APS Basis Investigations: - John Dodson

This session will provide the knowledge base needed in order to be able to distinguish the differences between civil neglect and criminal neglect.

5) Creative Interventions with the Older Adult: - Robert Long, LCSW

Focuses on positive approaches to working with the elderly, emphasizing how workers can creatively help clients explore life's options. Topics include assessing client needs and attitudes; helping the client work toward self-reliance, self-esteem and self-help; tools for evaluating clients' nutritional, physical, mental and emotional levels in ways that result in trust and consent to services; the use of community resources; and the team approach to services. Participants will examine their attitudes toward aging and elderly, explore how attitudes impact their casework, and learn techniques to work more effectively with older adults.

6) Stress Management: - Jim Polidora, Ph.D

This workshop will cover the theory and practice of stress management.

7) Geriatric Pharmacology: - Paul Lofholm, PharmD

This seminar examines the prescription and over-the-counter drugs consumed by the elderly, focusing on drugs that affect the gastrointestinal, cardiac and central nervous systems. Topics addressed include drug responses in the elderly, including effect of age on drug levels, changes in physiologic functions, common drug interactions, and special drug therapies; narcotics vs. nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs for pain management; antidepressants vs. tranquilizers.

8) Utilization of Community Resources: Dr. Lanyard Dial

"Health Care Needs of the Aged". This workshop will focus on meeting the in-home care needs through the use of community resources.

9) Title XIX Funding, Planning for the Future: - State Department of Social Services

This workshop will focus on the exploration of future funding for both Adult Protective Services and In-Home Supportive Services through Title XIX.

10) APS Coordinating with Community Agencies: - State Department of Social Services

This workshop will focus on coordination with the different community agencies that can complement the county welfare department.

Network Groups:

There are five topics for networking. The groups are a time for workers to informally meet with other counties to discuss mutual concerns and develop personal contacts.

Keynote Speakers: Neda Wilson (Wednesday evening), Age Wave Inc, (Thursday morning),
Dr. Lanyard Dial (Friday morning)